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Subject: Tentative Interagency Production Plans, 1980-81

Having reviewed the proposals by the NIOs, the SRP proposes the following additional subjects for consideration.

- (1) Soviet objectives and capabilities in the Middle East - Horn of Africa - South Asia region. The recently completed IIM on Soviet Objectives in Southwest Asia was a short term projection of limited geographic scope. The estimate currently underway on US-Soviet Competition in the Northwest Indian Ocean likewise is of limited geographical scope and does not address Soviet capabilities and intentions except as brief assumptions. The need for a more widely ranging estimate on Soviet penetration of this larger arena--which may strongly condition the terms of the Arab-Israeli military balance over the next five years and beyond--is clearly indicated.
- (2) Soviet penetration in the Third World: Strategy, Tactics, Modes, Allies, Surrogates.
- (3) How will the consequences of sub-par economic growth, persistent inflation, energy shortages, and rising protectionism in OEDC Europe affect relationships with the United States in these matters, but also with regard to collective defense and diplomacy?
- (4) While a paper is planned on Poland, should there not be an estimate of more general scope on Communist Eastern Europe addressing political implications of growing economic difficulties (including energy), pressures for change in East European ties with the West, prospects for and implications of leadership changes, and Soviet policies toward their East European clients. (Even if all of these countries cannot be covered, an estimate on Poland, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia would be desirable.)

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(5) There are also some interesting questions that could be addressed on the global level:

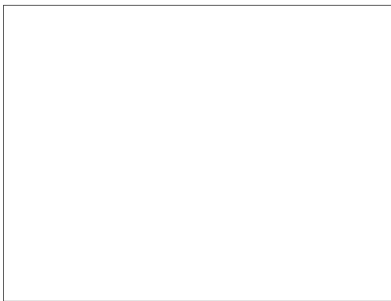
(a) What new patterns of regional and interregional power relations are developing, and what do these changes mean to the US?

(b) Are there new emerging power centers developing in the LDC world, and are these becoming more autonomous from the superpowers?

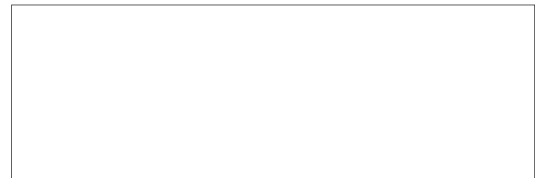
(c) How do arms trade, new local arms production, and prospective nuclear proliferation affect this picture?

(6) A much more expanded and forward-looking estimate on Mexico than that proposed by NIO-at-Large. The problem than Mexico faces over the next decade--rapidly increasing population, potential food scarcity, major unemployment--are of great significance to the US, as are Mexican resources. Further, Mexico's increasing assertiveness on the international scene needs exploration and analysis.

(7) An estimate on world energy problems structured to conjecture on the likely political and economic effects of the changing energy situations of the major state actors.



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